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SUBJECT: EXERCISE ROLLER COASTER (MARCH 7-17, 1977)

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SEVEN U.S. NAVAL RESERVISTS ARE TO BE SENT TO TAIWAN 4-19 MARCH TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE ROLLER COASTER. EXERCISE ROLLER COASTER IS A PACIFIC-WIDE MULTI-NATIONAL (INCLUDES CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES) NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED AS A SEPARATE BUT RELATED PART OF EXERCISE PRIME TARGET, A JCS-SPONSORED WORLD-WIDE COMMAND POST EXERCISE. ROLLER COASTER WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 7 AND 17 MARCH 1977. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO SET UP AND OPERATE NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING OFFICES (NCSO'S) IN VARIOUS MAJOR PACIFIC PORTS TO CONTROL AND COORDINATE THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO DURING A SIMULATED EMERGENCY.

2. THE NCSO'S TO BE ACTIVATED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC (KEELUNG, NAHA, SUBIC BAY, SASEBO, YOKOHAMA, PUSAN, AND GUAM) WILL BE MANNED BY NAVAL RESERVISTS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED SPECIFICALLY FOR SUCH JOBS. THE NCSO IN KEELUNG WILL CONSIST OF AN OFFICE IN TAIPEI (PROBABLY IN THE COMUSTDC BUILDING) MANNED BY SEVEN RESERVISTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED AREA CLEARANCE. MEMBERS OF

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THIS TEAM WILL MAKE PERIODIC VISITS TO COOPERATING US/UK/CAN/AUS/NZ FLAG MERCHANT SHIPS IN KEELUNG.

3. DAO HAS INFORMED ROCN VERBALLY OF PLANNED EXERCISE. ON MARCH 1, THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED BY COM-THIRDFLT AND APPROPRIATE ALLIED AUTHORITIES: QUOTE: A ROUTINE ALLIED NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING EXERCISE NICKNAMED EXERCISE

ROLLER COASTER WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN 7-17 MARCH 1977. THE EXERCISE IS DESIGNED TO TEST PLANS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES. ROLLER COASTER IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF ROUTINE ALLIED EXERCISES IN THE NAVAL CONTROL OF SHIPPING. UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT LAST YEAR THE MANNING OF NCSO'S OVERSEAS BY RESERVISTS WAS CONSTRUCTIVE, WITH THE RESERVISTS SETTING UP OFFICES IN THE U.S. AND SIMULATING THE OPERATION OF THE NCSO THAT THEY WOULD MAN DURING AN EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION.

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